

REMARKS

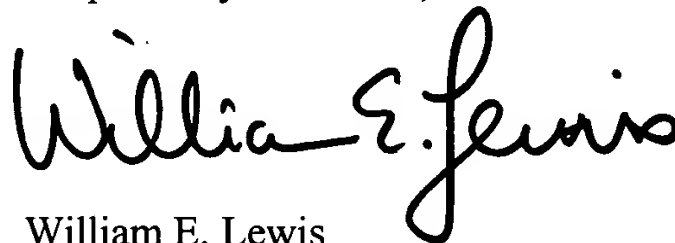
The present application was filed on August 15, 2001 with claims 1-34. Claims 1, 8, 17, 24, 33 and 34 are the independent claims.

In the outstanding final Office Action, the Examiner: (i) maintained the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7-11, 14, 17, 18, 23-27, 30, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,809,499 to Wong et al. (hereinafter "Wong"); (ii) maintained the rejection of claims 3-5 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,570 to Rangan et al. (hereinafter "Rangan"); and (iii) maintained the rejection of claims 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 29, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,266 to Agrawal et al. (hereinafter "Agrawal").

In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the various rejections of claims 1-34 for the same reasons given in their Response to Office Action dated June 8, 2004. Nonetheless, after a telephone conference with Examiner Le on April 22, 2005 and in a sincere effort to expedite the present application through to issuance, Applicants amend independent claims 1, 8, 17, 24, 33 and 34 to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 2 and cancel dependent claim 2 and dependent claim 18 (similar limitation as dependent claim 2).

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1, 3-17 and 19-34 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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